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Meet every Tuesday Night

**TORRANCE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tolson and  
sons were guests of Huntington  
Beach friends last Sunday.

Mrs. C. T. Ott, of Riverside, vis-  
ited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs.  
T. B. McArroy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Anderson  
joined Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship,  
of Los Angeles, in a drive to Glen-  
dale, Pasadena and Eagle Rock last  
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lessing and  
sons spent two days of last week  
with Mr. and Mrs. Schertle, of Los  
Angeles.

Mrs. Nellie Zuber entertained the  
Sunday School Board of the First  
M. E. church, Tuesday evening. A  
delightful time was had by all pres-  
ent.

Mrs. Michael Jessome and Mrs.  
John V. Murray and son, Louis,  
left Wednesday morning for Syd-  
ney, Nova Scotia. They will go by  
the way of Chicago, New York and  
Boston, stopping off in New York  
and Boston to visit relatives.

Miss Clara Barnett, who leaves  
on Friday for Tucson, Arizona, to  
become the bride of Don Baxter,  
was tendered a "Bridal Shower" at  
the home of her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Henry Barnett, 1911 Andro  
avenue, Thursday, June 1. Return-  
ing from a drive to Redondo, Miss  
Barnett was surprised to find the  
house had been beautifully decora-  
ted with carnations, sweet peas,  
and Cecil Bruner roses and filled  
with friends during her absence.  
Miss Barnett received a number of  
beautiful presents and carries away  
with her the best wishes of her  
many friends. The afternoon was  
passed in playing games. Miss  
Clara Barnett won the first prize  
and Mrs. Boyd received the consol-  
ation. Dainty refreshments were  
served. Those present were Mrs.  
Harry McManus, Mrs. W. C. Dolley,  
Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. May  
McKinley, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Car-  
penter, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Al  
Harder, Mrs. Mark Wright, Mrs.  
Nettie Steinliber, Mrs. George D.  
Watson, Mrs. Henry Barnett, Mrs.  
George Greaves, Mrs. Ellis Harder,  
Mrs. Ross Van Voorhis, Mrs. Harry  
Peobles, Mrs. H. E. Curler, Mrs.  
W. C. Von Hagen, Mrs. James L.  
King, Mrs. John Reed, of Los An-  
geles, Mrs. Frank Steinliber, Mrs.  
Schultz of Los Angeles, Mrs. J. H.  
Pess, Miss Virginia Watson, Miss  
B. Meyers and Miss Clara Barnett.

Fire Crackers—"Hardware" Reeve.

**TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB**

Torrance Woman's Club met  
Monday, June 5, in Legion Hall.  
Federation Secretary Mrs. Curtis  
presided in the absence of the pre-  
sident and vice-president. The treas-  
urer was instructed to resume the  
payment of the pledge to the Near  
East Relief, which had been stop-  
ped until the report that the money  
never reached Armenia, but was  
being diverted to the support of  
the Russian Soviet Government,  
had been investigated. The elec-  
tion of officers then took place  
with the following result:

President, Mrs. Frank Sammons;  
first vice-president, Mrs. James M.  
Fitzhugh; second vice-president,  
Mrs. M. Brooks; recording secre-  
tary, Mrs. Wallace H. Gilbert; cor-  
responding secretary, Mrs. Charles  
H. Curtiss; treasurer, Mrs. T. L.  
Parks; auditor, Mrs. Nettie Stein-  
liber; member of advisory board,  
Mrs. J. S. Lancaster.

These officers will be installed  
at a public meeting to be held in  
the Torrance Theatre, Monday, June  
19, at 2:30 p. m., to which all  
friends of the Torrance Woman's  
Club are invited. As this is the  
closing meeting of the club year it  
is expected there will be an  
extra fine program. Preceding the  
meeting in the Theatre there will  
be a luncheon in Legion Hall for  
the members of the club and their  
husbands.

**LOOK OUT FOR GAME WARDEN**

Many arrests have been made by  
Stuart J. Flinham, county game  
warden, and his assistants for vio-  
lating the state game laws.

The county game warden says  
that those who persist in trying to  
destroy the young abalones along  
the beaches will have to pay fines.  
Black abalones must be over five  
inches in diameter, the limit is 10  
and it is always unlawful to use  
abalones for bait.

Any person over 18 years of age  
who catches game fish from the  
ocean should first procure a fishing  
license, unless they wish to pay a  
visit to the judge. A list of the  
game fish are as follows:  
Tuna, yellow tail, Jew fish or  
black sea bass, albicore, barracuda,  
bonita rock bass, California whiting,  
also known as corbina and surf  
fish, yellow fin, croaker, spot fin  
croaker, salmon, steelhead and  
other trout, charr, whitefish, striped  
bass and balck bass.

The girl graduates should keep  
in mind that the amount of com-  
mation they are going to create  
in the world is not in direct pro-  
portion to the amount of money  
they in on their commencement day  
clothes.

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**THE SECRET OF  
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THE discovery of the body of B.  
F. Perry in his home at 1316  
Callowhill street, Philadelphia,  
by a man who had come in to see  
about securing a patent, did not cause  
any sensation at the time, for the  
coroner's jury gave a speedy verdict  
of "death from accidental causes."  
There was clear evidence that some  
sort of an explosion had taken place.  
A shattered bottle which had manifest-  
ly contained some sort of inflammable  
material, a broken pipe filled with  
partly burned tobacco and a charred  
match, lay beside the body.

An autopsy showed that Perry had  
died from congestion of the lungs  
caused by the inhaling of flames or  
chloroform, the latter having pre-  
sumably formed the contents of the  
broken bottle. So, as there were no  
claimants for the body and no estate,  
Perry's remains were interred in the  
Potter's field. There they would have  
remained undisturbed if it had not  
been for the evidence of a convict in  
the St. Louis prison.

Shortly after Perry's death, the  
Philadelphia branch of the Fidelity  
Insurance company received a letter  
from Jephtha D. Howe, an attorney in  
St. Louis, stating that "B. F. Perry"  
was really Benjamin F. Pitezel, who  
had carried a \$10,000 life insurance  
with the Fidelity company. The only  
person who could be found to identify  
the body was a man named H. H.  
Holmes, of Wilmette, Ill., who will-  
ingly came to Philadelphia to superin-  
tend the exhuming of the body.  
Holmes and Howe met in the office  
of the company, presumably as strangers,  
and the former clearly identified the  
body of the dead man as that of his  
friend, Pitezel. Satisfied, the insurance  
company paid the insurance to Howe,  
Pitezel's attorney, and reimbursed  
Holmes for his expenses.

The details of the case were re-  
ported in the St. Louis newspapers,  
and a few days later, Marion Hedg-  
speth, a convict serving a sentence  
for train robbery, informed the gov-  
ernor of the prison that he would like  
to give him some information which he  
considered most important.

"If you will examine the records of  
the prison," said Hedgspeth, "you will  
find that there was a man here last  
summer by the name of H. H. Howard.  
He was in for fraud, I think, but was  
released on bail. While he was here,  
Howard asked me if I knew any lawyer  
whom I could recommend in connec-  
tion with a swindling scheme which he  
had in mind—a plan which ought to  
net at least \$10,000 without any  
trouble. He promised me \$500 for my  
information and I gave him the  
lawyer's name, but I never got my  
five hundred."

"The name of the lawyer I recom-  
mended to Howard" was Jephtha D.  
Howe and Howard" was undoubtedly  
the man named Holmes who is mixed  
up with that insurance case in  
Philadelphia! The details of the case  
agree exactly with the scheme, as  
Howard outlined it to me last sum-  
mer."

As soon as this information reached  
Philadelphia, the insurance company,  
detailed an experienced detective  
named Geyer to arrest Holmes and to  
investigate his antecedents, for it  
was clear that Pitezel had not met  
his death through accident, but had  
been deliberately murdered. After a  
month's search, Holmes was traced  
to New England and finally arrested.

This, however, proved to be practi-  
cally the beginning of the case, for  
the further back Geyer went into Holmes'  
history, the more gruesome details  
he discovered. In endeavoring to find  
out what had become of Mrs. Pitezel  
and her five children, Geyer found in  
the cellar of a house in Toronto—a  
house rented by Holmes under the  
name of Canning—the bodies of two  
children later identified as Alice and  
Etta Pitezel. From Toronto the trail  
led to Indianapolis, by way of Detroit  
and Cincinnati, and it was in Indian-  
apolis that Geyer discovered the body  
of Howard Pitezel, aged ten, jammed  
into the chimney of the furnace in a  
house which had been rented some  
time before by a man who answered to  
the description of Holmes.

It was in the course of his search  
through Indiana and Illinois that Geyer  
came upon the most startling dis-  
covery of the entire case—the  
mysterious building in Chicago known  
as "Holmes' Castle" or "Holmehurst."  
The prisoner had personally superin-  
tended the erection of this structure  
and investigation proved that it con-  
tained an air-proof, sound-proof vault,  
communicating with the cellar by  
means of a secret staircase. Buried  
in the cellar floor and half-consumed  
by quicklime were found the remains  
of at least five persons who had been  
lured to Holmehurst and there mur-  
dered.

All of these crimes had been com-  
mitted some time before the Pitezel af-  
fair, and had it not been for the fact  
that Holmes overlooked the promise  
which he had made to a convict in  
the St. Louis prison, it is quite pos-  
sible that he would have remained at  
liberty, a constant and deadly peril  
to everyone with whom he came in  
contact.

But Detective Geyer returned to  
Philadelphia with more than enough  
evidence to secure conviction, and  
Holmes paid the penalty for his crime  
on the gallows.

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